



## MORE PRAISE IS GIVEN ARTICLES

Mr. Macfarland's Discussions of the District Create Wide Interest.

### VALUABLE TO CONGRESS

G. F. Bowerman, A. T. Ramsay, C. A. Douglas, and G. G. Dawe Comment Favorably.

Favorable comments continued to come to the office of The Washington Herald yesterday on the articles on the relations of the District to the Federal government, written by Henry B. F. Macfarland, former Commissioner, and on the work those articles are doing in educating the people of the District and the country at large in conditions as they exist today.

George F. Bowerman, librarian at the Public Library, is one of the most earnest supporters of the Macfarland articles. He said:

"I cannot discuss the articles in detail, for I have not been able to read them as carefully as I should have liked, but I value them so highly that I have clipped them and filed them away for thorough study. I do know from what I have read, however, that they are very weighty, scholarly, and clear in their treatment of the subject, and that they will do a great deal of good. There is no doubt that it is most desirable at this time to give full discussion of the relationship between the local and the Federal government. And I know from Mr. Macfarland's experience, having been for a number of years a District Commissioner, and from his lifelong interest in the District, that there is no one better fitted to discuss the matter his articles treat of."

Prof. Arthur T. Ramsay, principal of the Fairmont Seminary, said: "The articles of Mr. Macfarland printed in The Herald are splendid, and there is no doubt they will do a lot of good."

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## \$250,000 SUIT TO BE DELAYED

Mrs. Darst's Confession that She Eloped with Winters Changes Plans.

### DAMAGE CASE PENDING

Attorneys to Await Result of Test Action Before Disposing of Big Heart Balm Demand.

Trial of the alienation suit for \$250,000 by Mrs. Helen Clegg Winters against Mrs. Susan Huffman Darst, accused of stealing the affections of Valentine Winters, wealthy traction magnate of Dayton, Ohio, is to be delayed for at least six months and possibly a year, it was learned last night.

Because of the confession by Mrs. Darst that she eloped with Valentine Winters and lived with him in a villa near Paris nearly three years, a new aspect has been given the case that has surprised attorneys for both sides and caused them to stop preparations which were being made for an early trial. A long delay will be possible because of a crowded calendar in the District Supreme Court.

Before the alienation suit is tried, each side plans to test the other in a suit filed several months ago in the United States District Court in Cincinnati by Mrs. Darst against Valentine Winters. Mrs. Darst sued Winters for \$20,000 damage, which she alleged was caused when Winters had furnished to that value removed from her home.

### Furniture in New York

Mrs. Darst charged that rare period furniture, her valuable collection of antiques, paintings, tapestries and all the furnishings of her luxurious home in Cincinnati were removed by Winters, packed in fifty-five trunks, cases and crates, shipped to New York, stored and held subject to the order of Winters, who refused to surrender the furniture to her. According to Mrs. Darst, Winters removed the furniture on March 15, last, while she was incarcerated in a sanatorium in Vincennes, France. Mrs. Darst, in her story of her flight with Winters, said she was seized in her bedroom in a Paris hotel and taken away to the retreat. Winters deserting her and returning to the United States. She did not return to this country until several months later when, she charges, she learned her furniture had been removed. The mystery that surrounded Mrs. Darst's suit against Winters baffled society folk of Dayton, Cincinnati and other cities where both are prominent socially until Friday, when Mrs. Darst made a remarkable statement of her flight to Paris with Winters. The statement had not been known except to members of their families and close friends.

But when Mrs. Winters' suit against Mrs. Darst on Friday and Mrs.

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## NEW CORPORATION BRIDLE IS PLANNED

Senator Nelson Has Bill Providing for Licensing of All Companies in Interstate Commerce.

### REBELS STILL IN THE FIELD

The Secretary of Commerce is given discretion as to the issuance of a license and a license may be revoked at any time. The Secretary is authorized to prevent unlicensed corporations from engaging in interstate commerce by applying for writs of injunction from the Federal courts.

Corporations operating under a license from the Secretary of Commerce are denied the privilege of owning stocks or bonds in other corporations. The bill requires all corporations licensed by the Department of Commerce to keep not only a "directors' book," but also a "stockholders' book," each of which is to disclose the minutest details of meetings held and copies of these books are required to be filed with the Secretary of Commerce. The Secretary is required to report a full list of licensed corporations at the beginning of each session of Congress.

The situation in Haiti is not yet completely pacified, according to dispatches received at the Navy Department yesterday. Upon reports of trouble at Port-au-Prince, the government gunboat Nord Alexis sailed Friday for that place to restore order. Senator Theodore still is maintaining that he is the rightful President of Haiti, and has notified the German Minister at Port-au-Prince, who is dean of the diplomatic corps, that all business with the Haitian government is to be brought to him.

The Senator's whereabouts is not definitely known, however. The United States gunboat Wheeling is still on guard at Cape Haitien, though it has withdrawn its landing party of bluejackets, as the town is quiet.

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